



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5311

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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE CONNECTICUT
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION TO ENTER INTO
COMPLIANCE AGREEMENTS TO STOP THE SPREAD OF THE
EMERALD ASH BORER.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 22-84 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (a) The director of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
5 shall have charge of all matters pertaining to official control,
6 suppression or extermination of insects or diseases which are, or
7 threaten to become, serious pests of plants of economic importance.
8 [He] The director shall receive no additional compensation for such
9 work, and may designate members of the station staff to carry out
10 certain lines thereof and may employ such other assistance as may be
11 required. Said director may: (1) Cooperate with the agents of the
12 United States Department of Agriculture in the control of plant pests;
13 (2) make regulations and orders regarding the destruction or treatment
14 of infested plants; (3) seize, treat, disinfect or destroy any plants or

15 plant material moved in violation of any quarantine or regulation
16 established under the provisions of this section or suspected of being
17 infested by any dangerous insect pest or plant disease; (4) prohibit or
18 regulate the transportation of plants and plant materials, brick, stone
19 and quarry products or any other objects or materials liable to carry
20 dangerous pests and may designate certain areas or districts wherein
21 all such plants may be destroyed; (5) adopt, and enforce by
22 appropriate regulations, a quarantine prohibiting or restricting the
23 transportation of any class of nursery stock, plant, fruit, seed or other
24 article capable of carrying any dangerous plant disease or insect
25 infestation, with reference to which the Secretary of Agriculture of the
26 United States has not determined that a quarantine is necessary and
27 established such quarantine, into or through this state or any portion
28 thereof from any other state, the District of Columbia or any part of
29 such state or said district in which said director finds such plant
30 disease or insect infestation to exist; (6) adopt regulations for the
31 seizure, inspection, disinfection, destruction or other disposition of any
32 nursery stock, plant, fruit, seed or other article capable of carrying any
33 dangerous plant disease or insect infestation, a quarantine with respect
34 to which has been established by the Secretary of Agriculture of the
35 United States, and which have been transported to, into or through this
36 state in violation of such quarantine; (7) inspect nurseries and nursery
37 stock, as defined in section 22-97, for any violation of the provisions of
38 section 22a-381d; and (8) establish and maintain a quarantine against
39 any premises, district, town or group of towns in this state, provided,
40 before any quarantine is established within the state, a public hearing
41 shall be held, of which five days' notice shall be given to the parties
42 affected, either by mail or by publishing such notice in two
43 newspapers having a circulation in the part of the state affected by
44 such quarantine. In carrying out the duties and authority described in
45 this subsection, the director may issue permits to any party or enter
46 into compliance agreements with any party.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22-84(a)
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Statement of Purpose:

To authorize the director of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station to issue permits and enter compliance agreements to carry out the director's duties in stopping the spread of the emerald ash borer.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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